

NDE Bulletin
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Nutrition Services FNS 742 Report – Due November 15

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The Nutrition Services' School Food Authority (SFA) Verification Collection Report (FNS-742) will open October 7th and is due by November 15, 2013. The purpose of verification is the confirmation of eligibility for a sample pool of Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Applications on file. The sample pool is collected from the applications received by October 1, 2013.

The FNS-742 report has been updated for 2013-14 School Year. A copy of the form and instructions is available at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nsfpforms/Attachments/H.pdf>. Due to the changes in the data collection, please take time to read through the instructions noting the specific dates. The deadline to complete the form is November 15. On the CNP system website at <https://cnp.education.ne.gov/> the report can be found under the System Information Page – by selecting the green go button labeled “Verification – Due November 15” OR by clicking on the “Verification” menu item and selecting ‘Verification Summary.’

The FNS-742 Section 3, Question 3-2 requests Direct Certification data as of October 31, 2013. In order for this to be current the SFA should upload/enter new students that were not included in the last submitted student data file. New students need to be added by October 30, 2013 to be reported on the Direct Certification List. Students found on the Direct Certification List cannot be part of the sample pool for verification.

New this year is the availability to Directly Verify applications this process does not require notifying the households of verification. The applications from the sample pool for Direct Verification can be uploaded or entered in the CNP system under the Verification menu item and clicking on ‘Direct Verification.

Additional resources and instructions for Verification are located at:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nsfpforms/verification.html>
<http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nsfpforms/DirectCert.html>

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Due Dates and Data Changes

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

DUE DATE – A date when data must be submitted

CDC – Collections need to be submitted

NSSRS – All required templates must be submitted during the collection window

GMS – All required applications must be submitted to NDE by the due date.

AUDIT WINDOW CLOSE DATE – The Audit Window allows District and NDE staff to review the submitted data and make necessary adjustments. Districts must ensure final approval occurs during the Audit Window.

CDC – Collections must be approved locally on or before the Audit Window Close Date

NSSRS – Collections must be approved locally on or before the Audit Window Close Date.

After the Audit Window Closes the data becomes available for official reports and calculations.

Need to make changes BEFORE the Audit Window Close Date and you have already approved? Contact the NDE Helpdesk at 888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

Need to make changes AFTER the Audit Window Close Date? Requests to change data, after the Audit Window Close Date, require submission of *“Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes”* available within the Consolidated Data Collection.

PLEASE REFER TO THE NSSRS CALENDAR AND THE CDC CALENDAR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COLLECTIONS DUE DATES.



New NSSRS Validation Errors – Effective October 3

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Error #546: Special Education Students Without An Exit Date Who Do Not Appear In Following School Year [OCTOBER SPED SNAPSHOT].

Students who have a YEAR-END SPED SNAPSHOT record without an exit date and do not have an OCTOBER SPED SNAPSHOT record in the following school year.



2013-2014 Teacher Vacancy Survey (CDC Collection)

Opened October 1 – Due November 10

Contact: Karen Buller (402-471-4837 or Karen.Buller@nebraska.gov)

Public Districts only

The Teacher Vacancy Survey is collected annually by all Nebraska public school districts for the purpose of gathering data relating to teacher supply. The information collected from survey responses is essential in determining official teacher shortage areas for the state. Teachers employed to teach in a content area that has been designated as an official teacher shortage area may be eligible for a number of state and federal teacher loan forgiveness opportunities. The Teacher Vacancy Survey opened October 1 and due date is November 10. The survey can be found in the Portal under the Consolidated Data Collection.



Validation Errors and Verification Reports

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NDE Staff Reporting: ESUs, Public, NonPublic, State Operated and Interim Programs

NSSRS Student: Public and State Operated

This is reminder that during the process of submitting your NDE Staff and NSSRS Student data, please be sure to follow-up by checking NSSRS Validation to Review Errors and get those corrected before the due date. You can also find Verification Reports for both Staff and Student Data under NSSRS Validation. It is advisable to also check these reports.



ESEA/NCLB Consolidated Application - Due October 15

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740; diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

The ESEA/NCLB Consolidated application opened August 28th and is due October 15, 2013. Keep in mind that if the application is not submitted by the due date, districts need to submit a formal request through the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) *“Request to Submit Data Late or Make Data Changes”* explaining the

extenuating circumstances that caused the district to miss the submission deadline. At that time there is no guarantee that the application will be re-opened for submission.



2013-2014 Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Reports

Due October 15 (unless otherwise indicated)

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

Collection Name	Open Date	Due Date
ASSESSED VALUATION AND LEVIES <i>Public only</i> <i>Assessed valuation and levies. Distance between high school attendance centers.</i>	September 1	October 15*
ELEMENTARY SITE ALLOWANCE <i>Public only</i> <i>Districts applying for a Two-Year New School Adjustment, School districts applying for the two-year new school adjustment will need to provide estimated additional student capacity and provide supporting evidence.</i>	September 1	October 15*
NON-CERTIFICATED STAFF <i>Public, State Operated and ESU's</i> <i>Include all District/System non-certificated employees in this section. Report the Full-Time Equivalency for staff in each of the following categories who were at the District/System on October 1 (or the closest school day to October 1). School Administrative Support Staff, District/System Administrative Support Staff, Clerical Assistants to Instructional Personnel (non-classroom), Teacher Aides (work in classroom), Plant Operation Personnel (custodians, engineers, etc.). Regular Bus Drivers, Food Service Personnel, Library Aide, and Other Personnel.</i> IMPORTANT: <i>The FTE of Title I Funded non instructional staff that was previously reported here, will now be reported in the Annual Participation Report, Part 2.</i>	September 1	October 15*
NONPUBLIC DROPOUT <i>Nonpublic only</i> <i>Collects Nonpublic dropout data from Nonpublic Systems for the previous school year.</i>	September 1	October 15*
NONPUBLIC MEMBERSHIP <i>Nonpublic only</i> <i>Collects count of students as of the last Friday in September of the current school year.</i>	September 1	October 15*
PK-K INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS <i>Public and State Operated only</i> <i>Districts report the total number of hours that a district plans to operate its prekindergarten program per week and per year by school building. This collection also collects the type of kindergarten program the school</i>	September 1	October 15*

<i>districts will offer by school building.</i>		
SCHOOL AGE FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT (FFR) <i>Public and ESU's only</i> <i>Public school districts/ESU's claim reimbursement for SPED School age expenditures.</i>	September 1	October 31*
STUDENT GROWTH ADJUSTMENT <i>Public only</i> <i>Districts applying for the student growth adjustment. Districts must estimate their 2014/15 average daily membership and provide evidence supporting the estimate. Estimated student growth is the difference between 2013/14 fall membership and 2014/15 estimated average daily membership.</i>	September 1	October 15*
SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENT UNIT <i>Public only</i> <i>Number of students by grade who attend summer school; 1) attending remedial Math or Reading, 2) students eligible for free lunch or free milk.</i>	September 1	October 15*
TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION SURVEY <i>Public only</i> <i>NDE Principal Performance Survey and NDE Teacher Performance Survey (State Fiscal Stabilization Fund Assurances).</i>	September 1	October 15*
TEACHER VACANCY SURVEY <i>Public only</i> <i>The Department of Education developed the Teacher Vacancy Survey to collect data relating to teacher supply in Nebraska. The data is gathered with the purpose of determining the content areas for which teacher supply does not meet demand and which methods are commonly used by school districts to meet staffing needs.</i>	October 1	November 10*
TITLE I ANNUAL CASELOAD COUNT OF CHILDREN IN LOCAL INSTITUTIONS FOR NEGLECTED AND RELINQUENT <i>Public only –</i> <i>- Notifications will be sent to the districts.</i> <i>The purpose of this annual caseload count is to provide the State Education Agency with current information on the location and number of children living in institutions for neglected or delinquent children, or in local correctional institutions. The information collected will be used in the Title I formula for computing allocations for local education agencies.</i>	September 1	December 5*
TITLE III PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT <i>Public and ESU's only</i> <i>Collects data on the professional development activities for Title III Limited English Proficient Grant Recipients. Only districts/ESU's that receive this grant are required to complete this collection.</i>	September 1	October 15*
TWO-YEAR NEW SCHOOLS ADJUSTMENT	September 1	October 15*

APPLICATION

Public only

Districts applying for a Two-Year New School Adjustment. School districts applying for the two-year new school adjustment will need to provide estimated additional student capacity and provide supporting evidence.

* Please refer to the CDC Calendar for information on Audit Window and Audit Window Close Date at https://cdc.education.ne.gov/Instructions/CDC_calendar.pdf



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2013

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2013 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for districts to review their data. The 2013 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal. Note, the Nebraska Performance Accountability System (NePAS) was released to the public in August without the graduation component. Graduation rates and ranking will not be added until November in order to include students who graduate over the summer.

Date	Activity
Sept. 27, 2013	SOSR 2013 released to the public
October 4, 2013	PLAS list added to the SOSR 2013 Report Card
Nov. 15, 2013	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, Drop-out data added to SOSR

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.

If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

- a. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted your area's NDE Trainer, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

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